

includes the limitation that the lifting arm comprises two parts pivotable relative to one another so that the distance between the masts can be varied. Claim 1 also includes the limitation that each part of the lifting arm comprises a parallelogram linkage to maintain the chassis members in parallel or substantially parallel relationship as the two chassis members are moved towards and away from one another. Claims 2-6 are dependent on claim 1.

Applicants believe that claim 15 does not read on Pearce, Jr. because the lifting arm comprises two parts pivotable relative to one another about a vertical or substantially vertical axis. Claims 16-19 depend from claim 15.

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